

St. Margaret Mary Parish, Naperville, IL
Pastoral Council Minutes
October 1, 2019

Council Members Present: Chas Bellock, Tom Cordaro, Casey Fuller, Fr. Paul Hottinger, Liz Kruk, Chris Lupo, Anne Lysaught, Brian Pelz, Joey Rose, Dave Schwartz, Peggy Soeldner, Carrie Tilton, Terry Wagner

Members Absent: N/A

Guests: Carl VanDril

OPENING AND PRAYER: Tonight's meeting was held in the Upper Room. Chris Lupo supplied the prayer and Joey called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 2019 MINUTES: All members agree to approve the minutes, none opposed. Minutes approved.

CONSENSUS DECISION MAKING from Joey Rose

- Joey walked through a handout on the steps of consensus decision-making for the council.
- PC discussed various aspects of the decision-making process, including how to prioritize proposals and what to do if PC doesn't reach a consensus on an issue.

2019 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL from Chas Bellock and Carl VanDril

- Carl explained that November is the 3rd annual appeal for the parish. The committee is proposing changes to the process, including:
 - Changing the methods of data collection by eliminating the response card;
 - Highlighting specific ministries where parishioners could focus their donations;
 - PC discussed in depth the logistics and communication of donations for these highlighted ministries.
 - And adding a Thanksgiving theme to the appeal.
- Peggy asked if someone was going to come to the masses and discuss the goals/mission of the appeal. Carl said that they're considering that in the plans.
- Tom and Anne clarified that the next step is for Admin to work with Stewardship to finalize the language and logistics around the campaign.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO SECRETARY ROLE from Joey

- Joey read the Secretary position description from the PC constitution. She then proposed that the duty of the bulletin summary of the minutes be eliminated.
 - PC discussed the benefits of including information about the minutes in the bulletin, and overall decided that the bulletin summary was a benefit to the parish and should be kept as part of the Secretary's responsibilities.

STANDING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS from Joey

- Terry Wagner volunteered himself to be the PC Secretary. All agreed, none opposed. Terry is the new PC Secretary.

ADDING PHONES IN RE ROOMS – SECURITY from Chris Lupo

- Chris asked for \$7500 to add phones to the Religious Education rooms for security purposes. The Security Committee has met for the last 2 years to discuss and research a plan for these security updates.
 - Chris gave specifics about the security plan with these phones.
 - PC discussed where the money would come from and Anne explained that the Admin Committee was discussing what to do about this safety and security of the parish. She will bring this to the next Admin meeting.

The Council took a break for refreshments at 8:03pm.

APPRECIATION DINNER from Chas

- Chas asked for clarification that he is indeed the head of the Appreciation Dinner Committee. PC confirmed his appointment.

MINISTRY REVIEW UPDATE from Carrie Tilton, Brian Pelz, and Dave Schwartz

- Carrie explained that the ministry review began 2 years ago. She then discussed the open items for the ministries. These include:
 - Finding a Volunteer Coordinator – Dave is searching for someone to fill this role.
 - Updating the Commission Directory in a timely manner, starting earlier in the year.
 - Updating Baptism Prep – Dan Lawler will take on this responsibility as part of his expanded role.
 - Marriage Prep Couples Coordinator – still looking for someone to fill this role. Dan Lawler will also take on this responsibility.
 - Sharing Parish language – renaming this ministry and finding the right language to communicate what it is.
 - Some ministries would benefit from expanding their scope.
 - Terry suggested that SMMP work with other parishes to expand these ministries and help them grow, and PC agreed. PC then discussed who would be responsible for this and how it might work.
 - Ministry Spotlights – Brian, Anne, Chris L. and Carrie will put together a calendar to determine the order that ministries will be highlighted in the weekly bulletin and how to communicate that.
 - Ministry PC Meeting Invites – Terry suggested that perhaps PC should attend other commission meetings. PC agreed. Terry will coordinate the schedule for attending ministry meetings.

GRATITUDE TO PARISHIONERS from Carrie

- PC discussed how to thank parishioners that do so much for SMMP. A few examples were discussed.

COMMISSION REPORTS

CFC from Chris Lupo

- Chris said overall, CFC is doing well.

CWC from Brian Pelz

- Parish Theme and Calling Kick-off happened at the beginning of September. The committee is also adding a call for new members.

CSC from Carrie Tilton

- Carrie will send an updated report. The Big Day of Service is November 16th between 8-1pm, with a communal meal at 2pm. Sign-ups will begin mid-October.

ADMIN from Anne Lysaught

- Admin has not met yet, but they're still looking for someone to fix the roof. They have found the leak, but they're interviewing companies to complete the work.
- Tom is reaching out to the donor about the Peace Pole.

YOUTH COMMISSION from Casey Fuller

- Everything is on schedule for the retreats. Everyone loves Marissa. It's homecoming week, so everyone is excited about that as well!

WHAT WE ARE HEARING

- Brian = Encourages all to come to the Fair Tax Amendment program, to help start a dialogue.
- Joey = Heard that people didn't know that Parish Council meetings were open to everyone, so she thought it might be good to communicate that to parishioners.
- Chas = Other parishes are doing the ALICE training and seem to have clearly defined outcomes for parish security, and he suggested we think about definitive further action.
- Dave = Men's Club says thank you for participation in the picnic.
- Tom = The new formation director was impressed with the parish, particularly the hospitality and welcoming. Tomorrow at 7pm is the program on the Fair Tax Amendment, all are welcome.
- Casey = Someone threatened Naperville North with a school shooting (over Twitter). Threats have really picked up around the area. PC discussed this issue further.

Council ended with a closing prayer at 9:05pm. Meeting adjourned.